



Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 14 September 2011 at 6.00 pm

Present:-

Councillor Carolyn Heaps (Mayor) in the Chair

Councillors Margaret Bannister, Colin Belsey, Janet Coles, Alun Cooke, Philip Ede, David Elkin, Nigel Goodyear, Jon Harris, Pat Hearn, Sandie Howlett, Gordon Jenkins, Tom Liddiard, Gill Mattock, Harun Miah, Colin Murdoch, Jim Murray, Alan Shuttleworth, Neil Stanley, Barry Taylor, Troy Tester, Mike Thompson, David Tutt, John Ungar, Steve Wallis, Patrick Warner and Annabelle West.

28. Minutes. The minutes of the annual meeting held on 20 July 2011 were presented and the Mayor was authorised to sign them as a correct record.

29. Mayoral Announcements.

- 1 The Council observed a one minute silence in memory of Red Arrows pilot, Flight Lieutenant Jon Egging who died on Saturday 20 August when his plane crashed near Bournemouth Airport following a display at the local air festival. Flight Lieutenant Egging had met a number of local people the week before he died when the Red Arrows had performed displays at Airbourne.
- 2 Eastbourne's affiliated ship, HMS Puncher, returned to the Town between 24 and 26 July and the Mayor enjoyed an exercise at sea with all the crew. Following the exercise the crew were welcomed to the Mayor's Parlour for a buffet reception. HMS Puncher is tasked primarily to provide a sea based training platform for the students of the University of London Royal Naval Unit. However, the ship is also used to train Combined Cadet Forces and Sea Cadet Corps members and provide navigational training platform for young officers in the Fleet and Royal Marines preparing to navigate landing craft. Outside of the training role, the ship takes part in high profile PR events around the country as she is able to get into smaller ports not visited by larger platforms and she assists in recruiting programmes.
- 3 The Mayor attended a number of events during Airbourne this year. On Thursday 11 August the Mayor joined competition winners from local schools for lunch. The children had won a competition in conjunction with the Parks and Gardens department. On Friday 12 August the Mayor attended an Airbourne Luncheon at the Chaseley Trust. On Saturday 13 August the Mayor held a buffet lunch reception in the Aviator Club for 30 local volunteers to recognise their service to the community.
- 4 On Tuesday 16 August the Mayor welcomed a delegation from China to the Town Hall. The delegates were treated to an informative

Town Hall Tour and were able to view the artefacts in the Mayor's Parlour including the Mace. The group was brought to Eastbourne by a local language school and it is hoped that in the future they will choose to bring students to the town to learn English.

- 5 The Mayor visited Mr and Mrs Parks on Friday 19 August. The couple from Wordsworth Drive were the lucky winners of a prize draw to have their council tax paid for this financial year, up to the value of a Band D property, after signing up to pay their Council Tax by Direct Debit.
- 6 A number of play schemes are operated by the Council over the school holidays and on Tuesday 23 August the Mayor visited the children at Cavendish Sports Centre, Hampden Park Sports Centre, Eastbourne Sports Park and Shinewater Sports Centre. The Mayor was accompanied on the visit by Jim Chater and had the opportunity to join the children on the bouncy castle, have a go a hoola-hooping and joined in with a game of volleyball.
- 7 A memorial service in memory of Past Mayor and Honorary Freeman Maurice Skilton MBE took place on Tuesday 6 September at St Mary's Church, Old Town. The service was attended by over 200 people and heard Stephen Lloyd MP, County Councillor Beryl Healy, Councillor David Tutt and Canon Bob Butler talk fondly of Maurice's life. The Mayor and Councillor Alan Shuttleworth also read passages from the Bible. Following the service a drinks reception was held in the church hall.
- 8 The Mayor also attended a number of AGMs, concerts, open days and exhibitions in the last few months.

30. Apologies for absence. No apologies for absence were reported.

31. Disclosures of interests. The following interests were declared:

Councillor West declared a personal interest in respect of item 36 below on the basis that the debate and vote on this item materialised with reference to the recent consideration of a skate park in Manor Gardens. The interest was declared on the grounds of the proximity of the councillor's residential property to Gildredge Park. However, she considered the interest to be non-prejudicial as the distance from her property to the proposed skate park location in Manor Gardens was considered to be sufficiently great to not be materially affected by the proposal.

Councillor Liddiard declared a personal non-prejudicial interest in item 36 below as his employer hired facilities in Manor Gardens and Gildredge Park.

Members of the planning committee received advice in respect of item 36 below to the effect that whilst there were no declarable interests necessary relating to the specific subject matter of that item, participation in any part of the debate or vote that could affect consideration of the forthcoming

planning application on the proposed skate park in Manor Gardens could be construed as pre-determination of that matter.

Accordingly, Councillors Harris, Hearn, Jenkins, Miah, Taylor and Ungar all considered that remaining to participate in item 36 could risk pre-determination of the forthcoming planning application and chose to withdraw from the meeting room for the duration of the debate and vote on that item.

- 32. Proposed submission Eastbourne town centre area action plan (AAP).** The Council considered the report of Councillor Tutt on behalf of the Cabinet.

It was moved by Councillor Tutt, seconded by Councillor Elkin, and

Resolved: That the proposed submission Eastbourne town centre area action plan be approved.

- 33. Local development framework – Core strategy submission.** The Council considered the report of Councillor Wallis on behalf of the Cabinet.

It was moved by Councillor Wallis, seconded by Councillor Jenkins, and

Resolved: That the core strategy document, as amended, be approved for publication as a proposed submission core strategy for the formal statutory publicity and consultation requirements and the associated delegations to the Senior Head of Development and Environment as set out in the resolution of Cabinet.

- 34. Eastbourne community safety plan.** The Council considered the report of Councillor Bannister on behalf of the Cabinet.

It was moved by Councillor Bannister, seconded by Councillor Tutt, and

Resolved: That the implementation of the 2011/14 community safety partnership plan as set out in the appendix to the report to Cabinet be approved.

- 35. Motion – Re-naming of residential part of Brampton Road, Hampden Park, Eastbourne.** The following motion was proposed by Councillor Hearn and seconded by Councillor Murray:

In response to requests and concerns, expressed by local residents to ward councillors regarding the regular disruption caused by industrial vehicles attempting to access the Brampton Road Industrial Estate, through the residential road of the same name, consideration be given to the re-naming of the residential road.

To this end, the Council authorises the commencement of a consultation process with all affected residents and agencies in accordance with its' road naming policy, with the outcome of that process being submitted to Cabinet

for final decision.

Resolved: That the above motion be approved.

- 36. Motion – Skate park and other facilities at Cross Levels Way.** The following motion was proposed by Councillor West and seconded by Councillor Murdoch:

That this Council will re-establish a skate park, and other state of the art facilities for young people in Cross Levels Way, that represents best value for the people of Eastbourne, whilst delivering the commitments within the Council's youth related strategies.

Mr Matthew Ireland of 17 Lottbridge Drive, Eastbourne, and Ms Kate Glover of 14 Crawley Crescent, Eastbourne both addressed the Council in support of this motion.

The following amendment was proposed by Councillor Shuttleworth and seconded by Councillor Coles:

Delete all after "That this council" and replace with "recognises the great demand for skate park facilities and the positive impact these have on Eastbourne's young people. This council also welcomes the decision of cabinet to provide skate park facilities in Gildredge Park for young people in the western wards and recognises that a similar facility is already being proposed by local ward councillors and young people in the Hampden Park area. Council therefore requests that cabinet consider ways to bring forward proposals for a skate park at Cross Levels Way through the usual service and financial planning process."

Resolved: (By 11 votes to 10) That the amended motion be approved so as to read as follows:

"That this council recognises the great demand for skate park facilities and the positive impact these have on Eastbourne's young people. This council also welcomes the decision of cabinet to provide skate park facilities in Gildredge Park for young people in the western wards and recognises that a similar facility is already being proposed by local ward councillors and young people in the Hampden Park area. Council therefore requests that cabinet consider ways to bring forward proposals for a skate park at Cross Levels Way through the usual service and financial planning process."

- 37. Motion – Honorary Aldermen.** The following motion was jointly proposed by Councillors Elkin and Tutt and seconded by Councillor Belsey:

(1) That a special meeting of the Council be convened at which the Council consider motions to be put before them to exercise their powers under Section 249 of the Local Government Act, 1972 and confer the title of Honorary Alderman upon David Stevens, Mary Pooley, Bert Leggett, Graham Marsden, Olive Woodall, Ann Murray, Barbara Goodall and Beryl Healy in recognition of the eminent service they have given as past

members of Eastbourne Borough Council.

(2) That the Head of Strategy and Democracy be authorised to make all necessary arrangements in liaison with Group Leaders.

(3) That the Group Leaders be asked to meet and agree a protocol for the future regarding the conferment of the title of honorary alderman. Such protocol to include a provision that former members of the Borough Council will normally only be considered for the award if they have served a minimum of 2 full terms and are not already a past mayor.

Resolved: That the above motion be approved.

38. Minutes of council bodies and items for discussion. The minutes of the following Council Bodies were submitted to this meeting:-

Conservation Area Advisory Group	19 July and 30 August 2011
Planning Committee	2 and 30 August and 1 September 2011
Scrutiny Committee	5 September 2011
Cabinet	7 September 2011

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 14, Members raised the following items for discussion:-

1. Conservation Area Advisory Committee, 30 August 2011 – Page 96, Minute 19 – Draft Meads area appraisal – Item raised by Councillor Thompson.
2. Cabinet, 7 September 2011 – Page 121, Minute 45 – Corporate performance 1st quarter – Item raised by Councillor Mattock.

Further to Council Procedure Rule 14.3 it was,

Resolved: That the minutes of the above Council Bodies be accepted.

The meeting closed at 8.22pm

**Councillor Carolyn Joan Heaps,
Mayor, Chairman**

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